GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR RURALDEVEOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita amount allocated for rural development during each of the last three years, especially for drought prone areas of the country, State-wise; and

(b) the amount demanded by each State and released by the Union Government during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL):

(a) and (b) The Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) was launched in 1973-74 with theobjective of drought proofing by rejuvenating the natural resource base of identified drought prone areas in the country. The unit of implementation is a watershed project with an area of 500 hectares. Under this programme, State-wise allocation of funds is not made. The watershed projects are sanctioned as per the Guidelines for Watershed Development and the funds are released to the concerned District Rural Development Agency/Zilla Parishadin seven instalements over the project period of five years. A statement indicating State-wise funds released during the last three years is enclosed.